

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A convertible snow shoveling device comprising:  
first and second substantially planar shovel blades;  
at least one male connection part extending from an edge portion of the first shovel blade; and  
5 at least one female connection part disposed along an edge portion of the second shovel blade, the at least one female connection part sized and shaped to receive the at least one male connection part to releasably couple the first and second shovel blades together.
2. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, further comprising at least one handle element coupled to and projecting from at least one of the first and second shovel blades.
3. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 2, further comprising a hand grip coupled to the at least one handle element at a location distal from the at least one of the first and second shovel blades.
4. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the male connection part comprises a post disposed along the edge portion of the first shovel blade and the female connection part comprises a slotted tube disposed along the edge portion of the second shovel blade.
5. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 4, wherein the female connection part is disposed along a rear portion of the edge portion of the second shovel blade, such that the first and second shovel blades overlap when coupled together.
6. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of tabs and the at least one female connection part comprises a plurality of slots.
7. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of mushroom-shaped pegs and the female connection part comprises a plurality of notched keyholes.

8. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 7, further comprising two mushroom-shaped pegs and two notched keyholes.

9. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of mushroom-shaped pegs and the at least one female connection part comprises a notched keyhole and a slotted keyhole extending inward from the edge of the second shovel blade.

10. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of L-shaped tabs and the at least one female connection part comprises a plurality of loops.

11. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of posts and the at least one female connection part comprises a plurality of tubes.

12. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of handle elements, at least one coupled to and projecting from each of the first and second shovel blades, each of the handle elements having a hand grip.

13. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 12, further comprising an elongated handlebar for releasably coupling the plurality of hand grips together.

14. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 13, wherein the elongated handlebar engages the hand grips in a snap-fit arrangement.

15. A convertible snow shoveling device comprising:

a substantially planar shovel blade having opposite side edge portions;

at least one male connection part extending from one of said side edge portions; and

5           at least one complementary female connection part disposed along the other of said side edge portions, said female connection part sized and shaped to receive said male connection part so that a snow shoveling device having like male and female connection parts may be releasably coupled thereto.

16. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein the male connection part comprises a post disposed along the edge portion of the shovel blade and the female connection part comprises a slotted tube disposed along the other edge portion of the shovel blade.

17. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 16, wherein the female connection part is disposed along a rear portion of the edge portion of the shovel blade.

18. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of tabs and the female connection part comprises a plurality of slots.

19. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of mushroom-shaped pegs and the female connection part comprises a plurality of notched keyholes.

20. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of mushroom-shaped pegs and the female connection part comprises a notched keyhole and a slotted keyhole extending inward from the other edge of the shovel blade.

21. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of L-shaped tabs and the female connection part comprises a plurality of loops.

22. The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of posts and the female connection part comprises a plurality of tubes.